GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1870
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VICTIMS OF RECRUITMENT AGENCIES
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the labourers who went to Qatar in search of a better future have been victimised by the recruitment agents in India who gave them short-term visas instead of long term visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(a) whether the issue was highlighted during deliberations in Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas organised recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to look into their problems and bring them back?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Complaints have been received by the Government from time to time from workers deployed in Qatar about getting short term visas instead of promised long term visas.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, matters concerning the NRIs in the Gulf region were raised during Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations in general terms.

(e): Complaints regarding irregular visas, as and when received, are taken up by the Embassy of India, Doha, Qatar with the concerned Qatari Company. In case the Company fails to resolve the problem, the matter is taken up with the appropriate Qatari authorities for remedial action.